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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 16, 2002, the period for response to which having been extended by three months to July 16, 2002, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 11-16 as follows.

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11. A signal transmission apparatus for transmitting a first data stream and a second data stream,  
said signal transmission apparatus comprising:  
a first error correction code (ECC) encoder operable to encode the second data stream to  
produce a first encoded data stream;  
an interleaver operable to interleave the first encoded data stream to produce an interleaved  
data stream;

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